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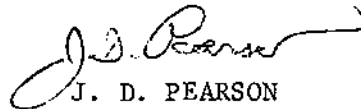
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DOCUMENTARY ANNEX

THOMAS C. HART letter dated 12 November 1980: Arleigh Burke Award; nomination for

Commanding Officer's personal letter dated 9 June 1980: A letter to Mrs. R.S. POWELL concerning the burial-at-sea of her late husband

THOMAS C. HART letter dated 8 March 1980: Exercise SAFEPASS 80 submission of FORMEX 100 (U)

THOMAS C. HART letter dated 19 December 1980: Troubled Equipment Report; submission of

THOMAS C. HART letter dated 9 November 1980: Middle East Force Post Deployment Report

Commander Naval Surface Force, U.S. Atlantic Fleet dated 8 September 1980: Naval Reserve Participation in SMEX

COMDESRON TEN Notice C5310 dated 16 July 1980: TRIAD Management Plan

THOMAS C. HART speedletter dated 11 June 1980: Burial-at-Sea of R.S. POWELL

Philadelphia Naval Shipyard memorandum dated 20 March 1980: Dry Dock Inspection of THOMAS C. HART (FF 1092)

#1 Familygram dated 19 February 1980

#2 Familygram dated 2 May 1980

#3 Familygram no date

Chronology

1-21 JAN	Inport Norfolk, Va.
1-14 JAN	Holiday leave period
1-28 JAN	Shipboard preps for NWA
7 & 8 JAN	NWA Assist visits
16 JAN	Pre-Sharem 36 brief
21-24 JAN	Local underway operations: VACAPES / Host ship for SENAC guests
24 JAN- 4 FEB	Inport Norfolk, Va.
24 JAN	SAS assist visit
28-29 JAN	NWA
31 JAN-1 FEB	3-M assist visit
4 FEB	Underway; enroute Yorktown Va.
4-5 FEB	Inport Yorktown; ammo on-load
5 FEB	Underway; enroute Norfolk, Va.
6-8 FEB	Underway; enroute Nassau Bahamas
6-7 FEB	WLant OPS
9-11 FEB	Inport; port visit Nassau
12-14 FEB	Underway; SHAREM-36
15-22 FEB	Underway; ASWEX 1-80
23-24 FEB	Inport; port visit Mayport, Fl.
25 FEB - 7 MAR	Underway; operation Safe Pass & transit to Norfolk, Va.
7-10 MAR	Inport; Norfolk, Va.
10 MAR	Underway; enroute Yorktown, Va.
10-11 MAR	Inport; Yorktown; ammo off-load
11 MAR	Underway; enroute Norfolk, Va.
11-17 MAR	Inport; Norfolk
17-18 MAR	Underway; enroute Philadelphia, Pa.
18 MAR - 1APR	Inport; Philadelphia Naval Shipyard

18 MAR	Entered drydock
31 MAR -11 APR	CSRR
1 APR	Exited drydock
1-2 APR	Underway; enroute Norfolk, Va.
2-14 APR	Inport; Norfolk
14 APR	Underway; enroute Yorktown, Va.
14 APR	Hosted 45 NJROTC Students
14-15 APR	Inport; Yorktown; ammo on-load
15 APR	Underway; enroute Norfolk, Va.
15-17 APR	Inport; Norfolk.
17 APR	Underway; local OPS Vacapes
17-20 APR	Underway; enroute Autec Range Andros Island Bahamas
20-23 APR	Underway; Conducting Mini-war OPS; Autec
24-27 APR	Inport; port visit; Nassau
27 APR	Conducted open house & General visiting
28 APR - 1 MAY	Underway; enroute Norfolk, Va.
2-26 MAY	Inport; Norfolk
5-6 MAY	NAVSURFLANT 3-M inspection
5-22 MAY	DDEOC site team material assessment
5-10 MAY	Installation of CRP-3100 Radar
22 MAY	Dependents Pre-deployment brief
23 MAY	Legal assist visit
23 MAY	SMI re-inspection
27-28 MAY	Underway; local OPS; VACAPES
28 MAY	Underway; enroute Yorktown, Va.
28-29 MAY	Inport; Yorktown; ammo on-load
29 MAY	Underway; enroute Norfolk, Va.
29 MAY	Dependents Cruise
29 MAY - 6 JUN	Inport; Norfolk

6 JUN	Formal visit by COMNAVSURFLANT, COMHELSEACON WING ONE and COMDESRON TEN
6 JUN-12 NOV	Deploy Middle East
6-8 JUN	Underway; single ship transit; enroute Hamilton, Bermuda
7 JUN	Conducted Burial-at-Sea
8 JUN	Inport; brief stop for fuel (BJF) Hamilton; rendezvous with USS VOGUE
8-13 JUN	Underway; enroute Ponta Delgada, Azores
13 JUN	Inport; BSF Ponta Delgada
13-16 JUN	Underway; enroute Rota, Spain
16-19 JUN	Inport; Rota
16 JUN	INCHOP Sixth fleet
18 JUN	USS VOGUE detach; transit Med.; enroute Port Said
19-24 JUN	Underway; transit Med.; enroute Port Said Egypt
19 JUN	Transit Straits of Gibraltar; enter Meditterrean
24 JUN	Anchor Port Said, Egypt; rendezvous USS VOGUE
25 JUN	Transit Suez Canal
25-28 JUN	Underway; transit Red Sea
28 JUN	transit straits of Bab-e'l Mendeb
28 JUN	Inport; BSF Port of Djibouti; Inchop Middle East Force
28 JUN	USS VOGUE detaches to conduct West Arabian Sea OPS
28 JUN - 2 JUL	Underway; enroute Persian Gulf
1 JUL	Transit Straits of Hormuz
2 JUL - 15 OCT	OPS Persian Gulf
3 JUL	Rendezvous with USS LaSALLE
7 JUL	Embark COMIDEASTFOR (RADM CHEWNING)
7-9 JUL	Inport; Damman, Saudi Arabia
9 JUL	Debark COMIDEASTFOR
24 JUL	Embark COMIDEASTFOR HART assumes role as flagship, USS LaSALLE departs Gulf

25 JUL	Rendezvous with USS BRISCOE
26 JUL	BSF Sitra
2 AUG	BSF Sitra
3 AUG	Rendezvous HMS Brambleleaf; conduct astern refueling.
9 AUG	BSF Sitra
16 AUG	BSF Sitra
19 AUG	Brief stop for cargo (BSC) Sitra
20 AUG	Rendezvous USS LaSALLE, and USS VOGUE; debark COMIDEASTFOR
27 AUG	BSF Sitra
3 SEP	BSF Sitra
11 SEP	BSF Sitra
16 SEP	BSF Sitra
19 SEP - 1 OCT	Inport; Mina Sulman, Bahrain
9 OCT	BSF Sitra
12 OCT	BSF Sitra
13 OCT	USS VOGUE detaches; departs Gulf
15 OCT	Turn-over with USS PETERSON
15-19 OCT	enroute to Djibouti
16 OCT	Transit Straits of Hormuz
19 OCT	BSF Djibouti; Rendezvous USS VOGUE
19 OCT	Transit Straits of Bab-e'l Mende
20-22 OCT	Transit Red Sea; enroute Port Suez, Egypt
22 OCT	Anchor; Port Suez; BSF; out chop MIDEASTFOR
23 OCT	Transit Suez Canal
24-27 OCT	Transit Med.; enroute Barcelona, Spain
26 OCT	Detach USS VOGUE
29-31 OCT	Inport; port visit Barcelona
31 OCT - 1 NOV	Underway; enroute Rota, Spain
1 NOV	Transit Straits of Gibraltar; exit Mediterrean

1 NOV	BSF Rota
1 NOV	Out chop; Sixth fleet
1-4 NOV	Underway; commence single ship transit; enroute Punta Delgada, Azores
4 NOV	BSF Punta Delgada
4-9 NOV	Underway; enroute Hamilton, Bermuda
9-10 NOV	Inport; port visit/BSF Hamilton
10-12 NOV	Underway; enroute Norfolk, Va.
12 NOV - 8 DEC	Inport; Post deployment stand down
8-10 DEC	Underway; enroute Port Everglade test range
10-12 DEC	Conduct CNO project QUICK STRIKE
12-15 DEC	Inport; port visit Port Everglade, Fl.
15-17 DEC	Underway; enroute Norfolk, Va.
17-31 DEC	Inport; Norfolk; Holiday leave period
18 DEC	Dependents Christmas Party

FIRST QUARTER

During the month of January, HART concentrated efforts at preparing for a Nuclear Weapons Acceptance Inspection (NWAI). Repetitive handling evolutions, numerous assist visits and several classroom training sessions paid off. HART successfully passed the inspection on the 29th.

While Weapons and security force personnel trained for the NWAI, the rest of the ship prepared for SHAREM-36, ASWEX I-80 and Operation Safepass. The ship participated in several pre-underway briefs, team trainers, and inport Warfare exercises. A local underway period in the VACAPES OPAREAS afforded HART the opportunities to conduct all phases of helo operations. Often the daily routine included basic flight quarters, launch and recovery procedures, helo crash drills, touch and go launchings and air control exercises.

Pilots were able to requalify for both day and night operations. The ship was also able to develop technical proficiency and experience in its primary mission area, ASW.

SHAREM 36 was an extensive ASW exercise conducted on the Anzac Weapons and Test Range, Andros Island Bahamas. For three days and two nights USS OLIVER H. PERRY (FFG 7) and HART participated in exhausting around-the-clock miniwars or ASW free play exercises.

ASWEX 1-80 and Operation Safe Pass were opposed ASW exercises involving several units of the U.S. Atlantic fleet and members of the Standing Naval Forces Atlantic. Helicopters and fixed wing aircraft assisted the multi-nation task group in detecting, localizing, classifying, and (simulated) destroying opposing surface and sub surface forces. All units involved received valuable training in fleet-steaming evolutions. Station keeping, underway replenishments, and passive sonar tracking periods are just a few. In addition to the primary ASW events, HART employed various anti-shipping, anti-air, and anti-shipping cruise missile tactics during related exercises. Severe weather with high winds, and heavy seas hampered the entire fleet throughout the two exercises. Unfortunately an engineering problem prevented HART from participating in a port visit to Halifax, Nova Scotia at the conclusion of Operation Safe Pass.

HART ended the quarter in drydock in the Philadelphia Naval Shipyard to correct a "singing" screw prior to deploying.

During the first three months of 1980 HART made port visits to Nassau, Bahamas and Mayport Florida. HART also hosted two guest under a civilian awareness program developed by the Secretary of the Navy.

SECOND QUARTER

The second quarter began with HART exiting the Philadelphia Naval Shipyard and steaming down river to Norfolk.

The months of April and May were devoted to preparing the ship for an early June deployment to the Indian Ocean and the Persian Gulf.

The ship was afforded the opportunity again to participate in a series of mini-wars against USS TINOSA. The exercises were conducted at the Navy's testing facilities (AUTEK) at Andros Island Bahamas. During this training period, HART utilized several LAMPS helo and its own sonar sensors to detect, classify, and (simulated) attack the "enemy". HART's ASW prowess and expertise during these mini-wars enabled her to set a new standard of ASW superiority the likes of which surface platform had attained during eighteen months of AUTEK MINI-WAR exercises. The ship was also able to exercise each of its weapons delivery systems. A total of 18 ASROCS, TORPEDOES, & LAMPS torpedos were **launched**. The ship's actions during the 3 day period helped it win the COMNAVSURFLANT ASW Award for the year.

During May, the ship underwent several important administrative inspections. One, the NAVSURFLANT 3-M inspection was conducted and the resulting score was an integral factor in the squadron's Battle Efficiency competition.

The ship spent its final full month preparing, the crew, and dependents for deployment. The pre-deployment brief, a dependents cruise and a fact-filled familygram were prepared, conducted, and given to assist the families of the crew during the long months the ship was away from home port.

The ship got underway 6 June 80 for a 5½ month deployment to the Persian Gulf. HART inchooped into the administrative and operational control of the Sixth fleet on 16 June after a dual ship transit of the North Atlantic. Extensive inter & intraship training was conducted between USS VOGEL and HART. Brief stops for fuel were made by both at Hamilton, Bermuda; Ponta Delgada, Azores and Rota, Spain.

The major event of the second quarter was when HART transited the Suez Canal southbound late in June.

THIRD QUARTER

The ship conducted a brief turnover in Djibouti and then proceeded alone to the Persian Gulf. HART transited the Straits of Hormuz during the first week of July. The entire months of July and August were spent conducting routine training operations with USS LaSALLE and USS BRISCOE in the Gulf. Several brief stops for fuel were conducted anchored off the coast of Sitra, a small island belonging to the government of Bahrain. From 24 July to 20 August HART served as the flagship for Rear Admiral Chewning, Commander Middle East Force.

Towards the end of September, HART visited the port city of Mina Sulman, Bahrain. The ten-day period was primarily a maintenance and up keep availability. It was during this time HART received word of the war between Iraq & Iran.

FOURTH QUARTER

The crew was anxious for October to arrive. It meant the ship would depart the hot & humid Persian Gulf and steam homeward. The Iraqi/Iranian war delayed the departure by a week and resulted in a turn over with USS PETERSON at anchor off Bahrain. By the time the ship finally left the Gulf the number of ships in the Gulf increased to include USS LAWRENCE, USS LEAHY, and USS CONNOLLY.

HART rejoined USS VOGUE at Djibouti to conduct a quick two ship transit of the Red Sea. Both ships passed through the Suez Canal northbound on 23 October and proceeded to their requested port calls for several days of liberty. HART enjoyed a visit to Barcelona, Spain.

A single ship crossing of the Atlantic took a total of 12 days. The ship stopped for fuel again at Rota, Punta Delgada and Hamilton. HART arrived home on 12 November and immediately went into a month long post-deployment leave and upkeep period.

Prior to the annual holiday leave period, HART spent two days off the coast of Florida participating in a CNO project involving the QUICKSTRIKE mine.

The year closed out with the HART back in Norfolk for the holiday leave period.



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1-26 JAN	Inport, Norfolk, Va
26-27 JAN	Enroute AUTECH
28-30 JAN	AUTECH OPS
31JAN-3 FEB	Port Visit, Port Everglades, FL
3-12 FEB	Participate in READEX 1-81
12-14 FEB	Inport Roosevelt Roads, PR
15-17 FEB	Enroute Colon, Panama
17-20 FEB	Participate in Exercise Blackhawk IV
20-23 FEB	Enroute Nassau
23-26 FEB	Port Visit, Nassau
26 FEB	Enroute Savannah, Ga
27FEB-2 MAR	Port Visit Savannah
2-6 MAR	WESTLANT OPS
6-31 MAR	Inport Norfolk, Va
1-8 APR	Upkeep NORVA
9-10 APR	DNSI
11-14 APR	Upkeep NORVA
15APR-5 JUN	SRA, NNSY, Portsmouth, Va
6-8 JUN	Upkeep NORVA
9-10 JUN	Ammo onload, NWS, Yorktown, Va
11-15 JUN	Upkeep NORVA
16JUN	ISE VACAPES
17-30 JUN	Upkeep/IMAV NORVA
29 JUN	Commenced CSRR NORVA

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1-10 JUL	Inport
11-15 JUL	Upkeep NORVA
16-17 JUL	TYT VACAPES
18-19 JUL	Upkeep NORVA
20-21 JUL	TYT VACAPES
22 JUL	Upkeep NORVA
23-24 JUL	TYT VACAPES
25-28 JUL	Upkeep NORVA
29-30 JUL	Enroute Port Everglades
31 JUL	CNO Project Quickstrike
1-2 AUG	Port Visit, Port Everglades
3-5 AUG	TYT, Jacksonville OP areas
6 AUG	Enroute Nassau, Bahamas
7-8 AUG	Port Visit, Nassau, Bahamas
9-11 AUG	Enroute Guantanamo Bay, Cuba (GTMO)
12-29 AUG	SELREFTRA, GTMO
30-31 AUG	Enroute Norfolk
1-20 SEP	Upkeep, Norfolk (IMAV)
21-25 SEP	INSURV, Norfolk
26-30 SEP	Upkeep, Norfolk
1-18 OCT	Upkeep NORVA
19-21 OCT	Enroute Roosevelt Roads, PR
22-25 OCT	NGFS Requalification, Vieques Island, PR
26 OCT	Enroute Antigua
27 OCT-1 NOV	Port Visit, Antigua

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2-8 NOV	Carrier Escort operations
9-10 NOV	Enroute Savannah, Ga
11-14 NOV	Port Visit Savannah, Ga
15 NOV	Enroute AUTECH, Andros Island
16-17 NOV	ASWSS 1-82, AUTECH, Andros Island
18-19 NOV	Enroute NORVA
20 NOV	PASSEX, VACAPES
21 NOV	Enroute NORVA
22NOV-31 DEC	Inport/Upkeep NORVA

FIRST QUARTER

During the first quarter of 1981, HART successfully combined a series of underway operations and exercises with "Show-the-Flag" port visits to Port Everglades, Florida, Nassau, and Savannah, Georgia. The first operation was ASW training at the AUTECH range off the coast of Florida. Exercises in off range tracking, Torpedo/ASROC operations, LAMPS ASW operations and four "mini-wars" were conducted between HART and 2 other ships.

A brief port visit to Port Everglades provided a welcome respite for the crew prior to getting underway for READEX 1-81. All aspects of the ship's operations were tested during the nine day period, 3-12 February. HART completed the exercise C-1 in all mission areas.

After a brief refueling stop in Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico, HART proceeded to Colon, Panama to participate in exercise Blackhawk IV, during which extensive damage control training was conducted. Port visits in Nassau and Savannah, followed by five days of WESTLANT operations completed HART's six week underway period.

HART spent the remainder of the first quarter of 1981 inport. During this period HART hosted hundreds of visitors during the weekend of 7-8 March, welcomed the Readiness Support Group Supply Assist Team, the Nuclear Weapons Assist Team, the CMS Assist Team, NWAT Team and the 3M Assist Team aboard for successful assist visits, and conducted extensive training for the crew.

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SECOND QUARTER

HART underwent Selected Restricted Availability (SRA) during the better part of the quarter. Prior to this period HART completed DNSI and NTPI inspections and an NWAT Assist Visit. HART maximized the non-operational time during the SRA (15 April - 5 June) with an HRAV survey, extensive formal school training, and an intensive onboard training program. The final two days of SRA were spent on a "fast cruise", signalling the end to an intensive and extensive period of rebuilding, retraining, and refitting.

HART hosted 35 NJROTC Midshipmen during a two day Ammo onload at Naval Weapons Station, Yorktown, Virginia, 9-10 June. Activities for the remainder of the month included a two day Safety Survey, HRAV feedback sessions, IMAV, a Combat Systems Readiness Review (CSRR), and a change of command; CDR F.R. WHALEN relieving CAPT J.D. PEARSON on 20 June.

THIRD QUARTER

Activities during the third quarter included local operations, continued IMAV and CSRR participation, and a seventeen day period of Selected Refresher Training (SELREFTRA) during a five week underway period in July and August.

The CSRR begun at the end of June continued into early July; HART's combat systems received thorough examinations during this period. Extensive onboard and formal school training continued. A two day Training Readiness Evaluation (TRE) was followed by several days of underway local operations.

On 29 July, HART commenced a five week underway period. The first event was CNO Project Quickstrike off Port Everglades, Florida, followed by a two day port visit to that city. This was followed by three days of training in the Jacksonville operations areas, concentrating on ASW.

A two day port visit to Nassau provided an opportunity both to show the ship and for crew R & R before commencing SELREFTRA in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba on 12 August. During this intensive training period, which focused on engineering, navigation, deck and damage control areas, the skills and knowledge of every man onboard HART were upgraded along with the ship's mechanical and operational readiness.

HART returned to Norfolk on 31 August where she spent the remainder of the third quarter of 1981. Once again, inspections and assist visits were in order, and included the Supply Management inspection, INSURV and the annual 3M inspection.

FOURTH QUARTER

The fourth quarter was highlighted by a four and a half week underway period which included local operations, and PASSEX, followed by a month inport to permit holiday leave. After spending the first three weeks of the fourth quarter inport refueling, unloading ammunition, conducting ASW Team Training and an IMAV, HART got underway on 19 October. NGFS Requalifications were successfully conducted

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following a brief refueling stop in Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico.

The next stop was St. John's, Antigua where HART had the honor of being the U.S. Navy representative for Antigua's Independence Day (1 November 1981). During the five days prior to Independence Day, HART participated in a variety of activities which included "Show-the-Ship", tours, athletic exhibitions, receptions and festivals. On 2 November HART departed Antigua. The next six days were spent conducting carrier escort operations with USS John F. Kennedy. HART detached for transit to Savannah after six days of intensive drills and training exercises.

HART spent three days, including Veteran's Day, in Savannah. During the Savannah visit, the emphasis was on recruiting, with "Show-the-Ship" demonstrations, general visiting and question and answer sessions the order of the day.

HART concluded the underway period by participating in two days of ASW exercises on the AUTEC range, at Andros Island (ASWSS 1-82). After these exercises and a brief fuel stop in Mayport, Florida, HART proceeded back to homeport. On the way home HART participated in one more exercise, PASSEX, off the Virginia Capes. With the successful completion of this underway period, HART returned to Norfolk for a well earned holiday leave period.

The remainder of the fourth quarter, 1981 was spent conducting training, making necessary repairs, onloading ammo, holiday upkeep, and in preparations for an IMAV, a CSRR inspection and COMPTUEX underway operations scheduled for late January 1982.

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1-20 JAN	Inport/upkeep NORVA (IM AV/CSRR/NWAT)
21-28 JAN	Exercise COMPTUEX 2-82
29-31 JAN	Port visit, San Juan, Puerto Rico
1-10 FEB	Exercise COMPTUEX 2-82
11 FEB	En route NORVA
12 FEB-16 MAR	Inport/POM NORVA
22-23 FEB	NTPI, NORVA
17-27 MAR	Deploy/En route Rota, Spain
28 MAR	Inchop, Rota, Spain
29-31 MAR	Inport, Rota, Spain
1 APR	En route Malaga, Spain
2-12 APR	Upkeep Malaga (IM AV)
13-14 APR	En route Palma, Majorca
15-23 APR	Port visit Palma
24-25 APR	En route, Catania, Sicily
26 APR-1 MAR	Port visit, Catania
2-16 MAY	Underway, Exercise Distant Drum
17 MAY	Inport, Augusta Bay
18 MAY	En route, Ischia, Italy
19-22 MAY	Port visit, Ischia
23 MAY	En route, Naples, Italy
24-27 MAY	Upkeep, Naples (IM AV)
28 MAY	En route, Gaeta, Italy
29 MAY-6 JUN	Upkeep, Gaeta (IM AV)
7-9 JUN	En route, Rota, Spain
10-12 JUN	Upkeep, Rota

13-17 JUN	En route, Kiel, Germany
18-27 JUN	Port visit, Kiel, Germany
28 JUN	En route Aalborg, Denmark
29 JUN-6 JUL	Port Visit, Aalborg
6-10 JUL	En route, Rota, Spain
11 JUL	Inport, Rota
12-14 JUL	En route Mediterranean
15-22 JUL	Eastern Med operations
23-26 JUL	En route, Rota, Spain
27 JUL	Inport, Rota
28 JUL-6 AUG	En route NORVA
7 AUG-6 SEP	Post deployment leave and upkeep, NORVA
7 SEP-31 OCT	Inport NORVA
1-2 NOV	CV operations, Virginia capes
3-7 NOV	Inport, NORVA
8-9 NOV	Ammunition offload, Yorktown, VA
10-14 NOV	Inport, NORVA
15 NOV-31 DEC	Selected Repair Availability (SRA) Newport News, VA

FIRST QUARTER

During the first quarter of 1982 HART successfully participated in the challenging COMPTUEX 2-82 Exercise, passed an NTPI Inspection with flying colors, and prepared to deploy for the Mediterranean on 17 March.

Designed to improve overall combat readiness, training during COMPTUEX focused on seamanship, navigation, replenishment - at - sea, mine countermeasures and naval gunnery. Anti-air, anti-submarine and anti-surface warfare was also emphasized. HART completed COMPTUEX and returned to Norfolk on 12 February.

HART began predeployment preparations after her return from COMPUTUEX and received a Nuclear Weapons Technical Proficiency Inspection (NTPI) 22-23 February, coming through with a virtually flawless performance.

To check deployment readiness, HART operated locally on 11 March, taking to sea approximately 100 family members for a successful dependent's cruise.

After months of intensive preparations, HART departed Norfolk for the Mediterranean on 17 March, joining the task group on 19 March and embarking CDS-24 and staff. Following a smooth Atlantic crossing, which included exercises with a Portuguese task force, HART arrived in Rota, Spain on 28 March and commenced turnover of duties with counter-parts which were completing their deployment.

SECOND QUARTER

During the second quarter of 1982, HART visited nine ports in four countries and participated in the NATO exercise DISTANT DRUM.

On 1 April, HART left Rota for a ten day IMAV in Malaga during Easter week. Next stop was Palma, Majorca for a two week port visit during which members of the crew lent a hand in community activities, which included the building of a sidewalk and a wall for a local church. Several ship tours were conducted as well as a wide variety of sporting events against both local teams and teams from USS HARRY E. YARNELL (CG 17).

HART left Palma in company with YARNELL, arriving in Catania, Sicily on 26 April. This was a "working port visit" where time was used to prepare for major fleet operations. Visitors were treated to ship tours and competitive sports provided crew entertainment.

HART left Catania on 2 May for participation in the NATO exercise DISTANT

DRUM. HART joined USS DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER (CVN 69) and the DISTANT DRUM Battle Group on 3 May and commenced duties as the plane guard, helo control and ready HIFR ship for the first 24 hours. Phase I included ASW exercises, communications exercises, night steaming and electronic warfare exercises. Phase II of DISTANT DRUM focused on amphibious exercises, NGFS live firing, an AAW/MISSILEX and an ASROC and torpedo firing.

The next six weeks were filled with show-the-ship visits, diplomatic duties, and ample opportunities for the officers and crew to recover from the tense and demanding duties of the DISTANT DRUM exercise.

HART next spent three days at the beautiful island of Ischia, followed by four days in Naples and nine days in Gaeta. IMAV work packages were completed in both Naples and Gaeta.

HART left Italy for Rota on 7 June, arriving on 9 June. The three days in Rota were used to paint and spruce up the ship in preparation for participation in Kiel Week '82, an international event which was filled with receptions, sporting events, tours and parties for all hands. HART served as the flagship for CINCUSNAVEUR during Kiel Week and entertained the U.S. Ambassador to Germany, sailors from other nations, and literally thousands of civilians with show the ship presentations which were enthusiastically received by everyone involved.

On 28 June, HART transited to Aalborg, Denmark for Rebild '82, the largest fourth of July celebration outside the United States.

THIRD QUARTER

Activities during the third quarter included HART's participation in Rebild '82, the transit to Rota and the embarkation of CDS-24 and Staff, two weeks of contingency operations in the Eastern Mediterranean, the transit back to Norfolk, a stand-down period and Command Assessment of Readiness and Training (CART), Phase II, training.

The third quarter began as the second quarter ended, at Rebild '82 in Aalborg, Denmark. During the seven days in Aalborg, all hands participated in a variety of sporting events, tours, children parties, and diplomatic receptions. HART hosted the U.S. Ambassador to Denmark, the Mayor of Aalborg, and many other Danish officials, successfully projecting the best possible image of the United States while enjoying every minute of the time in Denmark.

During HART's five day transit to Rota, flight quarters training and required underway shipboard drills were conducted. A ship-wide field day was conducted en route to Rota where CDS-24 and Staff embarked.

HART departed Rota on 13 July en route to the Eastern Mediterranean for contingency operations with TASK GROUP 60.3, which included communications, CIC, UNREP, NGFS, and flight operations exercises.

HART departed the task group on 22 July en route to Rota for fuel and cargo transfer prior to outchop.

During the transit home, HART celebrated her ninth birthday on 28 July and arrived in Norfolk on 6 August to a spectacular flag waving, band playing homecoming welcome.

Stand-down leave periods were followed by an inspection and upkeep program. Reservists embarked for two periods of ACDUTRA, a Sonar Pre-Rac inspection was held, and CART II was completed during September. Additionally, a successful Surface Warfare Training Week (SWTW) was held in mid-September and HART honored her Hispanic sailors with a week long celebration during Hispanic Heritage Week.

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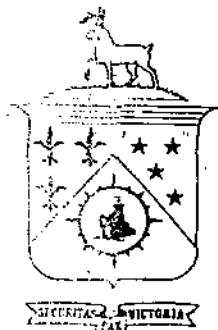
During the fourth quarter of 1982, HART participated in CV operations with USS DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER off the Virginia Capes, and prepared for a Selected Repair Availability (SRA).

Activities during the month of October focused on shipboard and formal schools training, communications exercises, celebration of the Navy's 207th Birthday on 13 October and HART's own celebration of Filipino Heritage Week.

November began with CV Ops off the VACAPES area, focusing on damage control and communications training while preparations continued for the upcoming SRA and concurrent IMAV. On 9 November, HART sailors, families and friends enjoyed a dependents cruise to Yorktown, which was followed by an ammunition off-load there. HART returned to Norfolk on 10 November.

On 15 November HART left Norfolk for Horne Brothers Shipyard, Newport News to begin a four month SRA.

A successful shipwide PQS self-inspection was conducted in late November, along with intensive on-the-job and formal school training in shore based trainers. Holiday standdown and continued work and planning for subsequent stages of the SRA rounded out a banner year for HART.



UNITED STATES SHIP THOMAS C. HART (FF 1092) FAMILYGRAM

HART MINI - GRAM

19 February 1980
At Sea

Dear Families and Friends,

Since departing Norfolk on the 6th, HART has logged 4,000+ miles and has been very busy indeed. We spent the first few days off the Virginia Capes expecting to exercise with a submarine, but found ourselves doing battle with a violent storm instead. We broke off the exercise and worked our way south as best we could to evade the storm and make some progress toward our port visit in Nassau. This was the first time at sea for quite a few of the crew, and they got a real baptism (literally) on their first adventure. On the whole we came out of it pretty well, however - only minor interior damage due to some tool cabinets breaking loose from their welds.

We arrived in Nassau on the 9th. The beautiful weather and fantastic scenery were welcome sights after our ordeal. It was only after we arrived that we found out that the storm we were fighting at sea had dumped a record snow on you back at home. It was hard to imagine that it could be snowing anywhere in the world as we watched the emerald green sea break against the beaches filled with sun bathers.

Our reverie was not to last however, and on the morning of the 11th we pulled away from "Fantasy Island" and set about the more serious business for which HART was designed.

A short trip from Nassau on New Providence Island brought us to the Navy's Underwater sound range called AUTEC at Andros Island - the largest island in the Bahamas group. Except for the Navy personnel stationed at the underwater range facility, the island is sparsely populated. This meant little to us however, since we would not be making port anyway. Our assignment was to work with a submarine in a simulated unrestricted war environment with each vessel firing exercise weapons at the other when the opportunity was presented. The purpose of this "mini war" was to evaluate the weapons, the platforms, the command and control capabilities, and the tactics employed in order to make improvements in each area from lessons learned. This was a rare opportunity for us to fight the ship in a "no holds barred" scenario against an actual submarine and match our wits against an "enemy" who was just as anxious to "kill" us. We did quite well in the exercise, (which is comforting)

and fired what is probably the record number of Anti-submarine rockets and torpedoes, and helo dropped torpedoes ever fired in two and one-half days.

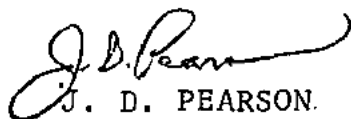
Mention of the helo reminds me to publicly welcome our newest crewmembers - our air department. HART now has a helicopter detachment aboard; detachment 3 from HSL - 32. Lead by LCDR (b) (6), our air department is comprised of 4 officers and 10 enlisted men and our faithful (?) antisubmarine helo "Ms. Piggy". Unfortunately, Ms. Piggy took sick just prior to departure and another helo had to be substituted. Her condition has improved markedly however, and we have been advised by message that she will join us in Mayport and be aboard for the remainder of the trip. The air department will remain on board through our deployment. Welcome aboard shipmates!

We departed the AUTECH range on the 14th and made our way back north to join yet another ASW exercise already in progress. This exercise which we joined on the 16th is a joint US-NATO exercise designed to practice coordinated ASW using NATO procedures. The exercise puts "orange country" assets (bad guys) against "blue country" assets (good guys) in an open ocean environment. Naturally we are one of the good guys. The first shot of the war was fired today as HART sighted an "enemy" periscope and pressed the attack. This exercise will last until the 22nd when the whole task force will pull in to Mayport for a three day stand-down. We will do maintenance, and have briefings in preparation for the final phase of our underway period - Operation Safepass.

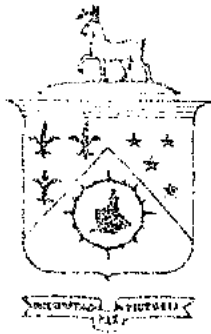
This has been a rather short family - gram, but I wanted to let each of you know how and what we are doing. Now that we have Guantanamo and our major inspections behind us, I hope to get our normal family - gram started back up on a regular basis. Our ombudsman, Gail Moore has given me a number of new ideas as to how we can better keep in touch and help each other, and I will be passing these along in our next issue. Meanwhile, if you have a problem or need information call Gail at (b) (6).

Best of luck to our former co-ombudsman Dawn Garrett and her husband Rickey, who has left the Navy for a job at NASA. You both did a super job and the HART family will miss you!

This will be mailed upon our arrival in Mayport 22 February.



J. D. PEARSON
Commanding Officer



UNITED STATE SHIP THOMAS C. HART (FF 1092) FAMILYGRAM

Predeployment Mini'Gram

Dear Families and Friends

As we draw closer to our departure for deployment I want to pass on to you a few items of interest which have developed since the last family gram was mailed.

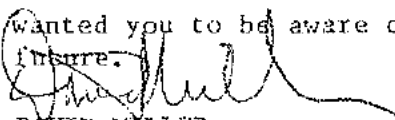
We have arranged for a legal assist visit by the Naval Legal Services Office to be conducted on board 23 May. The purpose of this visit is to prepare wills for those personnel who want to have one drawn prior to deployment, or want to have an existing will updated. The lawyers who will be on board will also be able to process powers of attorney for those who desire them. This information has been made available to all crewmembers through the plan of the day, but I wanted to pass it on here in case it has slipped your husband's mind. Wives are invited to come on board the 23rd to have their own will drawn if desired.

Another event I would like to mention again is the wife's Predeployment Briefing to be held on board 7 PM 22 May. This meeting will be most informative and I urge each of you to come if at all possible. We will have the COMDESRON TEN Medical Officer, LCDR (b) (6) speak to you concerning medical programs, chaplains, medical emergencies, etc. Chaplain (b) (6) from Fleet Religious Support Activity will talk to you about not only religious programs, but about several other areas of interest. Additionally, Mrs SCHEER from the Red Cross and a representative from the Family Service Center will discuss their programs and answer questions. Our Ombudsman Mrs. Gail MOORE will also talk to you about wife's club activities and the special information programs HART will have going for the dependents while we are deployed.

The schedule still appears to be holding firm with the ship going on sea trials 27-28 May, conducting a dependent's cruise from Yorktown to Norfolk on 29 May, and deployment from 6 June to 5 November.

On the subject of the dependent's cruise; all HART crewmember's have been advised that they can bring not only their wives and children, but friends as well. The only requirement is that all persons be 8 years old or above. The ship will charter buses to take dependents and guests from the destroyer pier area to Yorktown the morning of 29 May. The exact time is not yet known, but your husbands will be informed as soon as the ship knows. You may leave your car in the pier parking lot and pick it up when the ship moors.

This has just been a short note, but I wanted you to be aware of all the important events coming up in the near future.


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1. In accordance with reference (a), USS THOMAS C. HART's Command History for the calendar year 1983 is submitted. The format includes a chronology and a narrative portion.


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CHRONOLOGY

01JAN-08MAR	Selected Repair Availability (SRA), Newport News, VA
08MAR-09MAR	Sea Trials, Virginia Capes
10MAR-16MAR	Inport, Norfolk, VA
17MAR-18MAR	Ammunition Onload, Yorktown, VA
19MAR-20MAR	Inport Norfolk, VA
21MAR-25MAR	LAMPS Workup/Sub Services, Virginia Capes
26MAR-29MAR	Inport, Norfolk, VA
30MAR-31MAR	Delta Submarines Services, Virginia Capes
01APR-07APR	Inport, Norfolk, VA
08APR-18APR	Underway Virginia Capes/Western Atlantic, COMPTUEX (Composite Training Exercise)
19APR-21APR	NGFS (Naval Gunfire Support) Requalification, Bloodsworth, Island, Chesapeake Bay
22APR-12MAY	Inport, Norfolk, VA
13MAY	Underway, Sea Trials, Virginia Capes
14MAY-16MAY	Inport, Norfolk, VA
17MAY-30JUN	Underway, MIDEASTFOR 3-83 Deployment
01JUL-09JUL	Upkeep, Bahrain
10JUL-10AUG	Underway SURVEILOPS (Surveillance Operations) Persian Gulf
11AUG-15AUG	Underway SURVEILOPS, Arabian Sea

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16AUG-22AUG	FLEETEX (Fleet Exercise), BRIGHT STAR 83 (Somalia)
23AUG-29AUG	Underway SURVEILOPS, Arabian Sea/Indian Ocean
30AUG-2SEP	Port Visit, Mombasa, Kenya
2SEP-7SEP	Underway Escort Duties w/ARG ALFA
8SEP	BSF, Djibouti
9SEP-13SEP	Underway SURVEILOPS, Arabian Sea
14SEP-24OCT	Underway SURVEILOPS, Persian Gulf
25OCT-28OCT	Underway SURVEILOPS, Arabian Sea
29OCT-31OCT	Underway Red Sea Transit
01NOV	Suex Canal Transit
02NOV-03NOV	Underway Eastern Mediterranean Sea Ops
03NOV-04NOV	Underway Central Mediterranean Sea Ops
05NOV-07NOV	Port Visit Palma de Mallorca, Spain
08NOV	Underway Western Mediterranean Sea Ops
09NOV	BSF Rota, Spain
10NOV-20NOV	Underway Rota-Norfolk Transit
21NOV	Underway Bermuda-Norfolk Transit (Tiger Cruise)
22NOV-31DEC	Inport Norfolk, VA (Leave/Upkeep)

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FIRST QUARTER

During the first quarter of 1983, HART utilized shore training facilities, such as the ASW team trainer and NGFS school, to sharpen skills and improve readiness. Underway periods following the Selected Repair Availability (SRA) provided HART with a chance to conduct testing on many systems not utilized during the three month inport period. All systems underwent extensive testing, including TACAN (Tactical Air Navigation) certification and at-sea certification of the new AN/SQR-18A TACTAS (Tactical Towed Array Sonar). Additionally, the ship received a new MK 53 Attack Console which became fully operational in late March. Extensive underway training was also conducted which included refueling at sea as well as streaming and retrieval of the new TACTAS system.

Some very helpful assist visits by NAVSEA (Naval Sea Support Center) and MOTU (Mobile Training Unit) TWO helped HART maintain several pieces of key equipment, such as the 5"/54 Gun Mount, MK 47 Computer, AN/SQS-26CX Sonar, and the AN/SQR-17 Sonar Signal Processor, in peak operating condition.

SECOND QUARTER

HART kicked off the second quarter of 1983 with the Surface Warfare Training Week (SWTW), which proved to be a very intense week of inport training designed to help her prepare to operate at sea once more. Everything from damage control drills to complex battle problems were covered in depth making it a very successful and useful evolution.

COMPTUEX (Composite Training Exercise) immediately followed SWTW and provided round the clock training in all warfare areas. Operations conducted included Anti-Submarine Warfare Operations with the AN/SQR-18A, Surface Gunnery, Anti-Submarine Warfare weapons firing, Over-the-Horizon targeting scenarios, Anti-Air Warfare exercises, Surface Action Unit/Surface Action Group operations, and Communications exercises. Such extensive operations in a multi-ship environment contributed greatly to the ship's readiness.

Also accompanying HART during COMPTUEX were thirteen reservist's from HART's reserve unit in Asheville, N.C. They managed to play an integral part in the success of the exercise by virtue of their positive attitude and desire to undergo a meaningful training period. Their contributions to the success of the exercise lent credence to the idea that the reserve program is a viable and necessary program.

HART got underway for MIDEASTFOR 3-83 on 17 May and rendezvoused with USS DEYO and USS MT BAKER on 20 MAY in the vicinity of Bermuda. From there the task group proceeded to Rota, Spain arriving on 27 May. Exercises

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including Anti-Submarine Warfare tracking, gunshoots, and general replenishment were conducted along the way. HART conducted a brief port visit in Rota, Spain on 27 May to provide the crew with an opportunity to do some shopping and relax a bit.

HART came under the operational control of Commander Sixth Fleet on the evening of the 27th. During the transit across the Mediterranean a Soviet battle group, which included the aircraft carrier KIEV, was detected by radar and electronic means and a French battle group, made up of the carrier FOCH and destroyer DUQUESNE, was sighted and passed at close range.

Commander J.L. "Skip" MacMichael arrived on board 5 June while the ship was in Djibouti for a refueling stop and began his relief of Captain F.R. Whalen. HART then continued her trek through the Arabian Gulf and the Straits of Hormuz, arriving in the Persian Gulf and relieving USS OLIVER HAZARD PERRY on 9 June. On 10 June Commander MacMichael relieved Captain Whalen as Commanding Officer.

THIRD QUARTER

During the third quarter of 1983 the ship steamed in readiness condition three most of the time while conducting surveillance operations in the Persian Gulf. During this quarter the ship's combat systems performed satisfactorily, given the harsh environmental conditions. In conjunction with exercise BRIGHT STAR 83 the gun system was used extensively, conducting pre-action calibration firings and Naval Gunfire Support. Training emphasis was placed on synthetic Anti-Submarine Warfare, Anti-Air Warfare, and Over-the-Horizon Targeting. In all these scenarios the Light Airborne Multi-Purpose System (LAMPS) helicopter was used extensively.

The crew enjoyed a one time sporting event in Bahrain, which came to be known as the Desert Olympiad, where they were able to engage in some friendly competition with the members of other commands. It provided the crew with a well-deserved chance to let off some steam. The crew also enjoyed a flight deck concert given by British entertainers, Beth and Dave Fawcett.

On 2 July HART completed the first semester of PACE (Program for Afloat College Education) classes for the deployment. Graduating ceremonies were held on 6 July.

The ship also received a ship's Self-Defense Force inspection by Commander Middle East Force Inspector, Lieutenant Colonel (b) (6) USMC, on 25 July.

On 28 July HART celebrated her 10th year of commissioned service. Commander Middle East Force, Rear Admiral Addams, came aboard for a tour in honor of the event.

While underway for liberty in Mombasa, Kenya the ship crossed the

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equator and thus began the initiation ceremony of the slimy polywogs into the royal order of the shellback. Among the traditional events were the Miss Polliwog Beauty Contest, the arrival of the Reveille Rooster, Wog Breakfast at sunrise, a visit to the royal baby, and other ceremony designed to cleanse the polywogs.

HART arrived in Mombasa, Kenya on 30 August for what was planned to be a six day stay which included several safari-type tours. They provided for several excellent photo sessions for HART's amateur photographers.

On 2 September HART was ordered to assume escort duties for the Indian Ocean Amphibious Ready Group (ARG ALFA) as they were ordered to reinforce the Marines in Beirut. HART was ready to go in less than 12 hours and emergency sortied to meet their short-fuze commitment. HART escorted ARG ALFA to the Babel Mendeb Straits whereupon Commander Sixth Fleet took control the units, while HART returned to the Persian Gulf.

Upon their return to the Persian Gulf HART crewmembers enjoyed one more evening's liberty in Bahrain, their last liberty of the quarter. In addition, the second semester PACE class was completed on 20 September.

FOURTH QUARTER

During the fourth quarter of 1983 HART completed her Middle East Force 3-83 Deployment and began the transit home. During the deployment the airmen of Helicopter Squadron Light 32 Detachment One embarked in HART completed over 700 hours of flight time and accomplished nearly 1000 safe landings. They provided much needed reconaissance, logistic and personnel, and Antisubmarine Warfare support for HART's mission.

The crew enjoyed a well-deserved three day port visit in Palma de Mallorca, Spain while on the transit home. Many enjoyed tours, shopping, fine food, and just a chance to test out their land legs.

Upon completion of the port visit, and a brief stop for fuel in Rota, Spain, HART was off for Bermuda to pick up her "Tiger Cruisers" who were family and friends of her crew. All the "Tigers" seemed to enjoy their ride back to Norfolk.

During the quarter HART met all her operational commitments. The ship got a chance to exercise her Anti-Submarine suite extensively in conjunction with Mediterranean Anti-Submarine Warfare sweep operations and as an element of the returning Mediterranean Task Group. Training was concentrated in real-time Anti-Submarine Warfare, Over-the-Horizon Targeting, Surface/Subsurface Coordination, and Battle Group operations.

Upon arrival at Norfolk HART began a well-deserved period of stand down, leave, and upkeep.

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